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SUBJECT: PL 480 TITLE II FY 75 PROGRAM IN ISRAELI-OCCUPIED
TERRITORIES

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1. WE SHARE VIEWS OF EMBASSY TEL AVIV EXPRESSED REFTEL
CONCERNING DESIRABILITY OF RETAINING PL480 TITLE II FEEDING
PROGRAM FOR ADULTS ON WEST BANK. CUTBACKS IN THIS PROGRAM
DURING PAST THREE YEARS, BOTH IN NUMBERS OF RECIPIENTS AND
SIZE OF RATION, HAVE RESULTED IN RETENTION IN RELIEF PROGRAMS
OF ONLY HARDCORE CASES WHO UNABLE TO WORK (E.G. ELDERLY,
PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED, WIDOWS WITH SMALL CHILDREN). WE UNDER-
STAND CASES ARE CERTIFIED TO VOLAG MONTHLY BY MILGOV AS
QUALIFIED UNDER STRINGENT CRITERIA. PARTICULARLY IN PRESENT
CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE COSTS OF BASIC FOODSTUFFS AND OTHER
ESSENTIALS HAVE DRASTICALLY INCREASED, THERE SEEMS TO BE
NO QUESTION OF REAL NEED. LWF TELLS US ADULT INSTITUTIONS,
WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN CUT FROM PL 480 PROGRAM, ARE COMPLAINING
OF DROP IN ASSISTANCE AT TIME WHEN NEEDS GREATER THAN EVER.

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2. WE AGREE CUT IN US PROGRAM AT THIS PARTICULAR JUNCTURE
OPEN TO MISINTERPRETATION. EVEN IF GOI ABLE TO PROVIDE HELP
IN OUR PLACE (WHICH WE GATHER NOT CERTAIN), QUESTION ARISES
OF DESIRABILITY FROM POLITICAL POINT OF VIEW OF OUR IN EFFECT
TURNING OVER TO ISRAELIS THIS ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR
ACTIVITY IN OCCUPIED TERRITORY.
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##,ESPECIALLY AT SAME TIME THAT UNRWA
LIKELY TO HAVE TO CUT ITS PROGRAM, MAY BE READ BY ARABS AS
INDICATION OF REDUCED US INTEREST IN WELFARE OF RESIDENTS OF
OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.
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